



## MANY HUNGRY ON XMAS EVE

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## WAVE OF CRIME ENSUES

Measures of Relief Considered  
—Great Calamity is Facing  
the People.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve finds one hundred thousand men out of work in the principal cities of the Pacific coast. In commenting today on the many robberies, burglaries and crimes of violence of the past fortnight, Captain Boney, chief of the detective bureau, estimated that there are 20,000 unemployed in San Francisco. Hunger had no conscience, he said, and the wave of crime was bound to rise higher unless the city provided work.

Los Angeles reports 35,000 unemployed, and Portland and Seattle account for the remainder. Measures of relief have been presented to the various state and municipal authorities. Governor Johnson of California replied to a delegation of workmen that each city must care for its own problems.

Governor West of Oregon declined to call a special session of the legislature, arguing that to do so would be to invite a worse calamity than now confronts the people of the state. A long double file of sturdy men, some smoking and chaffing, but most of them sombre and silent, marched down Market street in the rain today, in mute protest against conditions.

## Unemployed at Fresno.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 24.—A travelling band of unemployed men numbering 200, now camped at an old brick kiln south of the town, was informed by the police and sheriff today that the city would refuse to furnish any additional food or clothing. The men demand to be fed and declare they will not move on until after Christmas day. Meanwhile the proprietor of the brick yard has notified the sheriff that he will tolerate them no longer. Rain today added to the discomforts of the camp.

## YOUNGSTER ASKS FOR A WAR DOG

Secretary of War Garrison Re-  
ceives Plea From Little  
Pennsylvania Lad.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Secretary Garrison's New Jersey boyhood days was recalled to him today when, with a sigh of regret, he had to turn down the request of a Pennsylvania youngster who wrote asking for a "war dog" as a Christmas present. The lad's letter, mailed at Fordyce, Pa., was as follows:

"Mr. Secretary of War,  
"Washington, D. C.  
"Dear Sir: Me and my little brother would like to have a dog for a Xmas present. Papa says you have plenty of war dogs. Will you send us a little pup? A Scotch collie would be the best. I am 9 years old and my little brother is four years old.  
"Goodbye.  
"Mr."  
"Not omitting the prefix 'Mr.' which the youngster carefully included in his signature, Secretary Garrison sent his correspondent this personal and sympathetic reply:

"Mr."  
"Fordyce, Pa.  
"My Dear Sir: I received your letter of December 22, 1913. Your papa told you the truth when he said I had war dogs, but he made a mistake when he said I had plenty. I have some, but none to spare, and am very sorry that I cannot send you what you ask for. Besides, there is not a Scotch collie attached to the army. If I see one running loose anywhere I will try to catch him for you. I do hope you will get a dog somewhere for Christmas.  
"Sincerely Yours,  
"LINDLEY M. GARRISON,  
"Secretary of War."

## ATTORNEY TO FIGHT SCHOOL BOARD CASE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Colin C. H. Fyffe, attorney for the four ousted members of the board of education whose disqualification made possible the reinstatement yesterday of Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of schools, conferred with his clients today with reference to speedy action in the courts.

Mr. Fyffe said he would ask the state's attorney to institute quo warranto proceedings to restore his clients to the board.

## ATE PORTERHOUSE AND WENT TO JAIL

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—After ordering a meal of porterhouse steaks in a downtown restaurant, six men told the proprietor at the conclusion of the dinner that they were without

## PRISONER TEACHES FELLOW INMATES

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 24.—A school within a prison is a fact in the Cabell county jail here, where every day C. V. Fitch, a veteran school teacher of eastern Kentucky, and a prisoner himself, instructs a class of 20 mountaineers, all serving terms for "moonshining." In the fundamentals of school work.

Already, the rough mountaineers have progressed as far as the "third reader." The majority of the class could neither read nor write when they began their terms. Now all have acquired the ground work of reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. Fitch is proud of his class and hopes to teach them to lead better lives as well as instruct them in the fundamentals of an education. Most of the prisoners buy their own books. Those who cannot are supplied free by Jailer W. S. Deberd.

## ANTI-LOAN-SHARK LAW DECLARED VOID

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—The Nebraska supreme court today, in two opinions handed down, declared the so-called anti-loan shark law was unconstitutional and void.

The anti-loan shark law was held by the court to be special legislation. It is thus contrary to the Nebraska constitution.

## PREMIER BORDEN REFUSES A TITLE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—Premier Robert L. Borden has again declined a title in connection with the forthcoming New Year's honors, according to a London dispatch to the Journal.

Mr. Borden, it is stated, is Democratic in his tastes, and prefers to follow the example of Balfour, Chamberlain, Gladstone and Bright, each of whom refused to accept a title.

## MARRIED WOMEN ARE BETTER INSTRUCTORS

New York, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Married women school teachers are better able to instruct and are better disciplined than single women, according to a report made on the subject by Dr. W. H. Maxwell, city superintendent of schools, to the board of education at its last meeting of the year yesterday.

The report is the result of study in 114 cases of women who served as teachers four years before they were married and four years afterwards.

## SANTA CLAUS AT OLD INDEPENDENCE HALL

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—In preparation for the dedication tonight of the community Christmas tree in Independence square, "Santa Claus" has broken an old tradition that the bell of Independence hall must not be wired for electric light or signals. It had heretofore been considered too big a risk, because of the possibility of fire from crossed wires, and many complaints that the historic structure is now in danger have been received at the electrical bureau. Those in charge of the work, however, after a thorough inspection, have given assurances that the wiring is of the best and that there is no possibility of fire from that source.

## SUPREME COURT ISSUES DECREE

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The Missouri supreme court today issued a decree of ouster against several wholesale lumber companies.

## BOOSTING FOR THE MINING BUSINESS

The following letter was received yesterday by Secretary I. L. Reynolds of the Weber Club:

"Weber Club, Gentlemen:—Will you please inform your members that a public meeting, looking toward the revival of the mining industry, will be held in the call room of the Salt Lake Stock and Mining Exchange, Exchange Place, on Saturday December 27th, 1913, at eleven o'clock a.m. Hon. Jesse Knight, Judge Wm. H. King and Duncan McViche will deliver short and interesting addresses on the subject of Mining. All are invited to attend."

## GOLD PIECES FOR XMAS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Brand new five-dollar gold pieces have been presented to each of the forty-six house pages as Christmas gifts by Representative Farr of Pennsylvania.

## WORKING ON NEW LAW DETAILS

Secretaries McAdoo and Houston Preparing Currency Machinery for Operation.

## BOARD TO BE NAMED

Selection of Cities for Reserve Banks First Step—Tentative List.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—With all the power of a law fresh from the pen of President Wilson behind them, Secretaries McAdoo and Secretary Houston today began working out details of the nation's new financial system.

The two cabinet members, acting as an organizing committee, will determine the important preliminary moves to the actual installation of the machinery that is to operate the federal reserve system.

Although the law provides that the two secretaries shall join with the comptroller of the currency in the preliminary work of re-organization, the office of comptroller is vacant and it has been decided that the two secretaries, constituting a majority of the committee, may go ahead. Later the members of the federal reserve board of seven will be named by President Wilson. The secretary of the treasury and the new comptroller will be members of that body and the other five will be chosen from private life. If President Wilson finally has made his selection for those five places, it is not known in Washington.

## First Step To Be Taken.

The first step to be taken by the secretaries will be the selection of cities where federal reserve banks, the backbone of the system, are to be located. The law provides for not less than eight and not more than twelve. The organizing committee is empowered to employ counsel and to go deeply into the location of the reserve reservoirs. Its decision is not subject to review by the federal reserve board.

It is possible that before the question of cities is decided, the organizing committee will visit cities suggested and base its report on information gained in that way. Cities that can hardly be kept off a tentative list would include New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans, with Denver, Atlanta, and Seattle or Portland, Ore., near the top. Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and several others are asking for designation.

Secretary McAdoo said he expected to actually begin formal work of selecting federal reserve cities tomorrow.

"We expect to consider the problem in the light of what will most benefit the entire country, and local interests will not be regarded," said he. "We will probably outline the districts and then choose the cities in each district where the federal reserve bank will be located."

Mr. McAdoo did not know, he said, whether there would be eight or twelve districts. That point rested as one of the most perplexing before the organizing committee.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Three of the thirty-six national banks in New York have already signified their intention to take out federal charters under the new currency law. They are the Hanover National, the Gotha National and the National Reserve bank.

Practically all other national institutions of the city and state, it is expected, will take similar action soon, but some are holding back pending advice from counsel. Others deem definite action unwise unless ratified by their shareholders.

## MACHINIST IS ALLEGED BANDIT

Prisoner Booked for Murder After Telling Conflicting Stories to Officers.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—John Bostick, a young machinist, who was pointed out to the police yesterday by two victims of the sensational hold-up of the Sunset Limited near Los Angeles on December 1, as the man who went through their car and shot dead H. O. Montague, a traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, was formally booked on a charge of murder today.

The evidence which the police have been able to collect is overwhelmingly against him. When arrested, Bostick carried a watch belonging to one of the brakemen on the Limited, and a pawn ticket calling for an unset diamond, which was traced down today and positively identified by the jeweler who sold it as the stone that was in the engagement ring of Mrs. Arthur Cole, who, with her husband, was returning from a honeymoon trip through the east when the robbery occurred.

By a singular coincidence it was Mrs. Cole and her husband who brought about Bostick's arrest. They were riding in a street car, idly watching the holiday crowds, when Cole suddenly called his wife's attention to a familiar face in the street. Both were sure it was the face of the unmasked train bandit. Leaving the car hurriedly, they trailed their sus-

## REBELS RETAKE CITY OF TORREON

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## AFTERMATH OF UTAH MASSACRE

Supreme Court to Decide Financial Responsibility of U. S. for Property Lost. By Emigrants

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The financial liability of the federal government for the property, lost by California emigrants massacred at Mountain Meadows, Utah, in 1857, by alleged Mormons and Indians, and made the basis of a claim before 1891, is to be passed upon by the supreme court of the United States. Briefs submitted by the claim of Malinda Thurston, whose father, William Cameron, was one of those massacred, for \$9500 worth of livestock and other property, was presented to the court today by her attorneys, F. Sprague Perry and Harry Britton. The government through Assistant Attorney General Thompson, is resisting the claim.

The massacre was one of the harrowing tales of the early days of the rush to California. All but three or four of a string of 28 wagons, constituting what was considered the richest train that had ever crossed the plain, were lost, together with about thirty mules and horses and approximately 900 cattle.

## Alleged Perfidy of Mormons.

After an unsuccessful attack on the immigrants, it is claimed, one of the Mormon leaders, John D. Lee, washed the paint from his face and approached the train with a white flag, explaining that a company of Mormon militia would accompany the emigrants to safety. After the march was resumed, it is claimed the Mormon militia shot down the unarmed emigrants and the Indians tortured the women and children to death.

When Mrs. Thurston filed her claim, under the Indian deprecation law, with the court of claims, it had to meet the requirement of having been presented to congress or the interior department before 1891. Her claim was filed in congress in 1877, but that claim named the Mormons alone as defendants. The court of claims held it was not an Indian claim and dissolved it. From this an appeal was taken to the supreme court.

## ATTORNEY SHOT BY A CRANK

Quack Medical Practitioner Shoots Prosecutor Through the Eye—Attempts Suicide.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—An attempt on the life of Charles Alling, Jr., former alderman and now attorney for the state board of health, was made today by an alleged "quack" medical practitioner, Fred Klinek, who then turned his pistol on himself. H. B. Schwaba, an assistant to Mr. Alling, was slightly wounded.

Alling was shot in the eye and lost consciousness. A physician, who was called, could not tell from a surface examination whether the wound would prove fatal. Klinek will die, it was reported.

The shooting occurred in Alling's office in the presence of a number of clients, and grew out of the prosecution of Klinek for practicing medicine without a license.

Klinek was fined \$200. Today he called on Alling with reference to the case, asking that Alling try to get the fine reduced. Klinek said he was destitute and would have to serve out the term in the workhouse.

Alling replied that he would recommend that the fine be reduced to \$100.

"You don't need to do that," said Klinek, "because I have to go to jail anyway—I haven't got \$100."

Alling was about to reply when Klinek is said to have drawn his pistol and fired. Schwaba rushed forward and was stunned for a moment by a second bullet which grazed his head. Klinek then fired a bullet into his own left side.

Alling staggered into an adjoining office whence he was removed to St. Luke's hospital.

## DENVER CITY 'XMAS TREE.

Denver, Col., Dec. 24.—A municipal Christmas Eve celebration, participated in by the city and state officials, civic organizations, churches and Sunday schools, was planned for this evening. A huge tree was to be erected in the court house grounds. The singing of Christmas hymns by the entire assemblage will be a feature of the program.

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Juarez, Mex., Dec. 24.—After heavy fighting at Torreon, the rebel troops have retaken that city from the Huerta forces, according to reports brought by couriers today from Jimenez half way between Chihuahua and Torreon. The reports said that 12,000 men had been engaged, that there was much loss of life and that General Monclovia Herrera, the rebel commander, had been wounded.

The federal army of 6,000 had been isolated from telegraphic communication with Monterrey and Saltillo and in case of a decisive defeat their position would be precarious, said the reports.

General Banavides, rebel commander at Juarez, said the report was not official, but he was inclined to believe it, as the rebels had long been planning an attack on Torreon. The rebels were said to have first gained possession of Gomez Palacio and Lerdo, suburbs of Torreon, before their successful march on the city itself. Rebels from Durango did most of the fighting, it was reported, although General Herrera, who was sent south by General Villa entered the fight with 3,000 cavalry.

General Refugio Velasco, who marched from Saltillo and took Torreon from the rebels about two weeks ago, was the federal commander. Leaving Torreon after his latest defeat, he was reported trying to make his way back to Saltillo.

## Federals Outnumbered.

The rebels greatly outnumbered the federals. General Villa was still at Chihuahua, at which place he sent Herrera south. Wire communication with Chihuahua was poor and no official word from Villa concerning Torreon was received. It was thought even if Torreon was wholly in possession of the rebels, Villa would remain temporarily at Chihuahua, that being the most central point from which to direct military operations.

Torreon is a center for railroads running from the border south and from Monterrey.

## M'ADOO ACTING AS PRESIDENT

Absence of President and Vice President Make Secretary Ranking Official.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo will be acting president of the United States tomorrow. In the absence of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall, he becomes the ranking official left in Washington for Christmas day.

Speaker Clark, after eating Christmas dinner with his family, will leave for a lecture tour in New England, which will continue until congress re-assembles on January 12.

Secretary Bryan is at his winter home at Miami, Fla., and Secretary Garrison will spend Christmas day with his brother at Merchantville, N.J., and later will spend a few days with Mrs. Garrison at Atlantic City. Secretary Daniels will dine in Washington and will later go to spend a few days in Raleigh, N.C.

All other cabinet officers will dine at their homes here with the exception of Attorney General McReynolds, who will spend Christmas day with his mother at Elkton, Ky.

## RECORD SALE OF STAMPS IS MADE

New York, Dec. 24.—An idea of the amount of Christmas business handled by the local postoffice in Manhattan and the Bronx is conveyed by Postmaster Edward M. Morgan's statement that \$178,969 worth of stamps were sold yesterday. This is the heaviest sale of stamps ever reported for one day in any city of the United States.

## SECRETARY ASKS FOR CURRENCY ISSUE

Washington, Dec. 24.—To meet an expected demand for notes of small denomination, Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department, has appealed to congress for an appropriation of \$427,725 for the use of the bureau of engraving and printing. Should congress fail to make the appropriation, the secretary says, it would necessitate a reduction in the bureau's force of about 800 employees for the latter half of next year and make it necessary to furlough without pay for ten weeks the entire force of 2,650 employees now engaged in the manufacture of United States notes and gold and silver certificates. The situation has arisen, the secretary

says, because the ranks of the country have not taken kindly to the idea of laundering bank notes and reissuing them as new money. Last year 31,884,000 notes were sent to the treasury for laundering, and this year only 15,102,000 have been received. Secretary McAdoo states that 320,000,000 will be required in the current fiscal year of 1914.

An estimate sent to congress recently called for only 240,000,000 notes, this estimate being made under the apprehension that the release of laundered notes at the treasury would reduce the demand for new notes.

## CHAPLAIN CORPS TO BE INCREASED

Washington, Dec. 24.—An increase of the corps of chaplains in the navy to not less than one for every thousand men is provided in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Farr of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Farr in speaking of his measure said that while the navy has increased six-fold since 1841 the corps of chaplains has not been increased. The bill would give the rank of captain to ten per cent of the chaplains authorized by law, commander to twenty per cent of them, lieutenant commander to thirty per cent and the remainder would be lieutenants. All would have the rank, uniform, pay and allowance of other seagoing officers of the same rank.

## DOCTOR AND STUDENT FOUND NOT GUILTY

Clinton, Ill., Dec. 24.—A jury after being out twelve hours today, returned a verdict of not guilty as to Dr. H. E. Price of Clinton and Angel Gaudin, a young Porto Rican, who were charged with the murder of Miss Margherita Trainer of Ottawa, Ill.

Miss Trainer and Gaudin were students at the University of Illinois at Urbana. She died in Clinton just five months ago today, after an operation.

## WIFE OF GREAT CHIEF IS DEAD

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Wales, wife of the Prince of Wales, chief of the Clallams tribe of Indians and son of the Duke of York, the great chief of the Clallams during the Hudson Bay company's day on Puget Sound, is dead at Jamestown in Clallam county where she was visiting, according to word received here today. Mrs. Wales, who was a keen business woman, assisted her husband in his futile fight to secure for his tribe the land guaranteed them at Point-No-Point by the treaty of 1855 when the Clallams abandoned their claim to a tract of land extending from near Cape Flattery to Hood Canal.

## WIFE COMES TO RESCUE HUSBAND

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Jennie H. S. Roe-Tufts, widow of the Texas plover king, has come to the rescue of her husband, who is serving a three years sentence in the county jail here, for having obtained money from Victor H. Steele under false pretenses.

She is living in New York. At the time of the trial, Mrs. Roe-Tufts said Tufts had tried to defraud her of a large estate, but in a statement on file with the district attorney, she charges today that Francis H. Boland, an attorney, formerly of New York, turned her against her husband by misrepresenting the facts. She has filed suit against Boland for \$12,500, which she said he unjustly obtained from her.

Steele also filed a statement declaring Tufts innocent.

## ORDERS ARE SENT TO BATTLESHIPS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Further orders for the relief of the battleships which have had long duty in Mexican gulf waters, went out today from the navy department.

The Minnesota will leave Philadelphia January 2 to relieve the Michigan. The Georgia will leave Boston January 2 to relieve the New Jersey. The New Hampshire and Louisiana, relieved by the Connecticut and Kansas, which reached Vera Cruz yesterday, will sail to Norfolk.

## SCHMIDT AGAIN IS DECLARED INSANE

New York, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The fourth alibi called by the defense at the trial of Hans Schmidt for murder, agreed today with his predecessor, that the priest was insane. The witness, Dr. M. J. Gregory, of Bellevue hospital, said Schmidt's mind was so taken with the idea of making a sacrifice when he killed Anna Muller, that he did not think of man-made law.

## CAPTAIN HAMPTON DEAD.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24.—Captain Colwyn E. Hampton, U. S. A., retired, died here tonight, aged 42 years. He was widely known as an army historian and writer of poetry. He was retired in 1910 because of illness.

## FEDERAL RESERVE ACT IS SIGNED

With Few Strokes of Pen President Connects Measure Into Law.

## DELIVERS SHORT SPEECH

Expresses Deep Gratification Over Passage of Bill and Admiration for Leaders.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—With a few strokes of the pen, at 6 o'clock last evening, the president converted into law the measure to be known as the federal reserve act, re-organizing the nation's banking and currency system and furnishing, in the words of the president, "the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits, put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years."

An enthusiastic applause ran through the ceremony not only as the president affixed his signature, but as he delivered an extemporaneous speech characterizing the measure as "the administration to take common counsel with the business men of the country and the latter's efforts to meet the government's advances as 'the constitution of peace.'"

The event came at the close of a day of rejoicing in the national capital for congress had recessed for two weeks for the first time since it convened last April. The Democratic leaders were jubilant because they had completed two big pieces of legislation—the tariff and the currency reform in nine months—a performance which they considered unprecedented in the history of the country.

"Great Team Work, Gratifying," "I am not tired yet," said the president to the assembled group, as he took up his pen, "that I feel a very deep gratification at being able to sign this bill and I feel that I ought to express very heartily the admiration I have for the men who have made it possible for me to sign this bill. It has been a great team work and counter-currents but the stream has moved forward. I think that we owe special admiration to the patience and the leadership and the skill and the force of the chairman of the two committees and behind them have stood the committees themselves exercising scrutiny and careful thought in this matter which undoubtedly has redounded to the benefit of the bill itself. Then there has grown as we have advanced with this business and the great piece of business which preceded it, evidences of team work that to my mind have been very notable indeed. Only constructive action, only the action which accomplishes something fills men with the enthusiasm of co-operation and I think that at this session of congress we have witnessed an accumulating pleasure and enthusiasm on the part of the membership of both houses in seeing substantial and lasting things accomplished."

Praises Republican Action. "It is a matter of great gratification to me that in the case of this bill there should have been so considerable a number of Republican votes cast for it. All great measures under our system of government are of necessity party measures for the party of the majority is responsible for their origination and their passage, but this cannot be called a partisan measure. It has been passed by all intimations of that sort by the cordial co-operation of men on the other side of the two houses who have acted with us and have given very substantial reasons for acting with us. So that I think we can go home with the feeling that we are in better spirits for public service than we were when we convened in April."

Series of Constructive Measures. "As for the bill itself, I feel that we can say that it is the first of a series of constructive measures by which the Democratic party will show that it knows how to serve the country. In calling it the first of a series of constructive measures, I need not say that I am not casting any reflections on the great tariff bill which preceded it. The tariff bill was meant to remove those impediments to American industry and prosperity which had so long stood in their way. It was a great piece of preparation for the achievements of American commerce and American industry, which are certain to follow. Then came upon the heels of it this bill which furnishes the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in fifty years. I was through time in my memory of the passage of the National bank law which came in two pieces, as you know, in February, of 1863, and in June of 1864; it is just fifty years ago since that measure suitable for that time was passed, and it has taken us more than a generation and a half to come to an understanding as to the adjustments which were necessary for our own time. But we have reached those readjustments. I myself have always felt when the Democratic party was criticized as not knowing how to serve the business interests of the country that there was no use in replying to that in words. The only satisfactory reply was in action. We have written the first chapter of that reply."

Favored by Circumstances. "We are greatly favored by the circumstances of our time. We come at the end of a day of contest, at the end of a day when we have been scrutinizing the processes of our business."

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